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SUBJECT: THE PRESS ON THE PRESIDENT'S NEUTRON BOMB DECISION

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1. THE APRIL 9 "TIMES OF INDIA" CARRIED AN ARTICLE
BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, M.V. KAMATH, REPORTING
FORMER PRESIDENT FORD'S CALL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NEUTRON BOMB. KAMATH CITES EDITORIALS IN THE "NEW
YORK TIMES," "WASHINGTON POST," AND THE "WASHINGTON
STAR" WHICH ALSO ARE SAID TO FAVOR PRODUCTION OF THE
BOMB. KAMATH ACCUSES THE AMERICAN PRESS WHICH ATTACKED
INDIA FOR TESTING AN ATOMIC DEVICE OF NOW "SHAMELESSLY"
ARGUING IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON
BOMB. HE SAID THE "NEW YORK TIMES/ PRESUMABLY OPPOSED
THE INDIAN TEST ON THE GROUND THAT "INDIA SHOULD
HAVE NO NATIONAL INTERESTS OF ITS OWN."

2. "THE HINDU'S" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, EASWAR
SAGAR (APRIL 8 EDITION), CHARACTERIZED THE PRESIDENT'S
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DECISION ON THE NEUTRON BOMB AS THE RESULT OF "PRESSURE
FROM THE MORE HAWKISH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND
SOME OF HIS NATO ALLIES." THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
IS SAID TO HOPE TO USE THE NEUTRON BOMB AS A BARGAIN-
ING CHIP IN ARMS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, TO BE
TRADED OFF AGAINST SOMETHING LIKE THE SS-20 MISSILE.

3. THE ONLY DIRECT EDITORIAL COMMENT WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE
HAS BEEN IN THE CPI PRESS, WHICH -- AS EXPECTED -- CONDEMNS THE
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY AS DECEITFUL.
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